have been brought out by the CBSE for Classes 1 to 9. These contain graded activities which can be done in the class, out of class or out of school reaching out to the community.

Ministry of Human Resource Development in collaboration with National AIDS control Organization (NACO) has launched an educational programme, known as Adolescence Education Programme (AEP) which is being implemented by the States and Union Territories. The Programme is aimed at the following outcomes: (i) to make the learners aware of the major concerns *i.e.* process of growing up during adolescence, HIV/AIDS and drug abuse; (ii) in inculcate in them positive attitude regarding these concerns; and (iii) to help them acquire life skills so that they avoid risky situations like HIV infection and drug abuse and develop healthy and responsible behaviour.

Free and compulsory primary education

3382. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing the free and compulsory primary education with the quality benchmarked to the whole country;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years; and

(c) the present status in this regard especially in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESORUCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) Article 21A of the Constitution makes education a Fundamental Right for children in the age group of 6-14 years by providing that "*the State shall provide free and compulsory education to all children of the age of six to fourteen years in such manner as the State may, by law, determine*". Pending enactment of a suitable follow-up legislation envisaged in Article 21A, the above mentioned Constitutional Amendment has not yet been enforced. However, a draft Model Bill on Right to Education, to be adopted by the State was circulated to the State Governments for their comments. 19 States/UTs have submitted their comments; comments from the remaining states are awaited.